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LOWDEN'S PLANTS
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MONEY-MAKING CROPS
 LIST FOR 1932

We have by far the finest lot of plants to offer for spring of 1932 that we have ever had. The season of 1931 was ideal here for best growth. In raspberries we have a very fine and complete stock. Our stock of some varieties of strawberries got so low in the drought years of 1929 and 1930 that we have not yet caught up, but in others we have a splendid stock. In vegetable varieties we have some very fine seed, including new kinds of outstanding merit.

Good plants and seeds are quite as necessary in the growing of berries and vegetables as good soil and cultivation. Either raspberries or strawberries may be grown with fair success in almost any kind of soil or location if good plants of the right variety are used. Some varieties are particularly valuable for certain types of soil and certain locations, while others do well over a much wider range of soil and climatic conditions.

Just as no one can make money in the dairy business with scrub cows that are dry a good part of the year, or in the poultry business with poor hens that only lay a little while in the spring, so with berry plants no one can make money with poor stock. Most folks who are getting their raspberry plants for setting new patches from their own or their neighbor's old patches are saying that raspberries are running out and not doing as they used to. These people are quitting raspberry growing, whereas those who are using certified stock are cashing in on one of the best paying crops a farmer can grow.

The qualities which give plants and seeds their greatest value can not be seen. In fact, often in vegetable seed, varieties of the finest quality will not produce as fine looking nor as high germinating seed as poor varieties. It is our endeavor to sell not only seeds and plants that grow, but seeds and plants that produce the best of their kind. We have known of folks purchasing plants where the most fortunate part of the transaction was that they died, and thereby saved a lot of effort from being expended on something that was worthless. We believe the stock we offer in this list is not excelled by any one, anywhere, at any price.

RASPBERRIES

All the Red Raspberry Plants offered in this list are Government certified stock and inspector's tag will be attached to each bunch of twenty-five plants. Inspection is not given for Purple or Black Raspberries, but we believe our plants offered in this list would pass inspection as easily as our Reds.

The very earliest red raspberry we have is the everbearer Starlight, followed by Count, which is perhaps the best early berry for commercial growers in this district. Viking, the most popular variety in Canada to-day, and Latham, the most popular variety in the United States, are both so much superior to the old Cuthbert for the fresh fruit market that we stopped growing Cuthbert entirely. However, as some canners insist on Cuthbert we have purchased a few from the best grower of certified stock we knew of. All the main crop varieties we offer are superior to Cuthbert for the fresh fruit market.

STARLIGHT (Everbearing)

Our earliest variety, berries rather small but firm and bears over a long season. Canes are short and extremely hardy. Should be planted closer than most varieties. It is a larger berry, much earlier and hardier than King and we believe should displace that variety. We believe this berry is hardy any place in Ontario.

10 for \$2.00, 25 for \$4.00, 100 for \$12.00, 1000 for \$100.00.

COUNT

Resembles Cuthbert in the appearance of fruit but is pretty well done by the time the heavy pickings of that variety come on. We believe this to be the best early berry for the southern part of Ontario.

10 for \$1.25, 25 for \$2.50, 100 for \$7.50, 1000 for \$50.00.

VIKING

Is probably the most popular variety in Canada at the present time. A cross between Cuthbert and Marlboro, the fruit resembles Cuthbert in shape but is larger and brighter in color. The canes are the largest of all red raspberries and quite smooth.

10 for \$1.00, 25 for \$2.00, 100 for \$5.00, 1000 for \$40.00.

LLOYD GEORGE (NEW)

This is a very desirable berry from the old land. It is enormous in size, beautiful color and firm with high quality. We obtained our stock from a nursery firm in Scotland several years ago, but it winter killed and we plowed it up. Then that fall we read about how well it had done at Geneva Experiment Station in New York State and some of our customers in U. S. asked for it soon after, so we went and dug up the few small plants that had not been killed by cultivation and tried it over again. It has done fine ever since and has showed no sign of winter killing.

10 for \$2.00, 25 for \$4.00, 100 for \$12.00.

LATHAM

This very large, firm, late berry yields enormous crops. The cane resembles Viking considerably but is not quite so large. This is probably the most popular red berry in U. S. to-day. It is a remarkable drought resister and has never winter killed in this section as far as we know.

10 for \$1.00, 25 for \$2.00, 100 for \$5.00, 1000 for \$40.00.

MINNESOTA 167 (NEW)

This is very similar to Latham. being remarkably resistant to drought conditions and fruit is higher quality than Latham.

10 for \$1.25, 25 for \$2.50, 100 for \$7.50.

NEWMAN 23

This is Mr. Newman's most popular variety and seems to be well liked in latitudes somewhat north of Toronto, but we do not consider it desirable for districts south of Toronto. The fruit holds very tight so that it must be quite ripe to pick easily.

10 for \$1.25, 25 for \$2.50, 100 for \$7.50, 1000 for \$50.00.

MOONBEAM (NEW)

This berry is quite similar to Newman 23, but is even hardier and the fruit is easily picked.

10 for \$1.50, 25 for \$3.00, 100 for \$9.00, 1000 for \$75.00.

NEWMAN 20

This we consider much more valuable for our district than the popular Newman 23. It is perhaps the largest and latest red raspberry we grow.

10 for \$1.50, 25 for \$3.00, 100 for \$9.00.

CUTHBERT

This is the old standard main crop berry. It is not as good as the newer varieties for the fresh fruit trade, but is liked by the canners. Does best on the light soils.

10 plants 65c, 25 for \$1.25, 100 for \$3.50, 1000 for \$30.00.

HERBERT

Price same as Cuthbert, but we have very few plants till fall.

ROYAL PURPLE

This is the best, in our opinion, of the purple tip varieties. The bush is ideal, almost thornless, does not sucker, is vigorous, but not too rank in growth. It should have about two-thirds of its growth cut off in spring for best results. The fruit is large and very firm. It is our favorite for home canning.

10 for \$1.25, 25 for \$2.50, 100 for \$7.50.

BLACK RASPBERRIES

As they are not acid many folks can eat blacks who cannot eat red raspberries. As they do not sucker many growers prefer the growing of them to red, and pickers much prefer to pick them. The finest flavored black we have tried is Honey Sweet, but our patch went to pieces with Blue Stem and Mosaic. The disease situation in blacks is far worse even than in reds. Most varieties of blacks are even more susceptible to mosaic than reds and in addition suffer terribly from Blue Stem. We have a number of new varieties which have been almost entirely free of disease with us. We cannot say as yet whether they are more resistant or whether we just obtained clean stock and kept it that way. We have an idea that perhaps all the varieties we list may prove more winter hardy than Plum Farmer and Cumberland.

None of the varieties in this list have shown the least trace of Blue Stem, and only Perfection has shown the slightest trace of Mosaic.

ADAMS' PERFECTION

is the earliest black we know of but is not as large in either plant or fruit as the other varieties we list or varieties like Plum Farmer or Cumberland.

10 for \$1.00, 25 for \$2.00, 100 for \$5.00.

NEW GIANT

We have had this variety for several years and find the bush a very strong, upright grower, entirely free of disease with us. The fruit is similar to Cumberland and about the same season. Color, jet black, without bloom.

10 for \$2.00, 25 for \$4.00, 100 for \$12.00.

BLACK QUEEN

This variety was recommended to us very highly. The cane is not so stout as New Giant and the fruit is not so round, being a little inclined to a long shape like some reds. It also has been free of disease. Color, jet black, without bloom.

10 for \$2.00, 25 for \$4.00, 100 for \$12.00.

BLUE RIBBON

We have only grown this variety this year so have not seen the fruit. Mr. Farmer tells us that both plant and fruit are much larger than Plum Farmer. In his catalogue he says twice as large. The fruit has a grayish bloom like the Plum Farmer.

10 for \$2.50, 25 for \$5.00, 100 for \$15.00.

BLACKBERRIES

We have dropped from our list this year all varieties of blackberries, or thimbleberries as they are often called, but expect to offer our own new berry next year, which we believe is quite superior to the older varieties.

STRAWBERRIES

EMLONG'S RED GOLD

We consider this perhaps the most valuable extremely early strawberry yet introduced for those sections which do not suffer from late spring frost. It blossoms very early so is liable to frost injury in frosty sections. It is at least a week earlier than Premier, looks much like Premier but is a little deeper red, is a better plant maker and much more winter hardy. We especially recommend it for that section along the mountain brow from Niagara Falls to Hamilton, and Waterdown. Also we believe it will enable those along the lake shore from Hamilton to Niagara River to get earlier berries than those up close to the mountain can get with Premier. It has far surpassed Premier with us and is worth testing by anyone growing early berries.

25 for 75c, 100 for \$2.00, 1000 for \$12.00.

GARDINER'S RED GOLD

This berry is said to be a cross between Premier and an ever-bearer. It is larger than Premier and very sweet. It is about the same season, and we believe should be tried by all growers of early strawberries.

25 for 75c, 100 for \$2.00, 1000 for \$15.00.

THE BLAKEMORE STRAWBERRY

The Blakemore was originated from a cross between Premier and Missionary, and was sent out by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. We have not fruited it yet, but it is said to be superior to Premier and distinctly earlier. Good in southern states but not very well tested in north yet.

25 for \$1.00, 50 for \$1.50, 75 for \$2.00, 100 for \$2.50.

PREMIER

Premier is one of the most popular strawberries grown in the Northern States and Canada to-day. It does well almost everywhere and is splendid quality for desert or canning. It is the standard early berry by which other varieties are judged, but is a little weak on plant making.

25 for 60c, 100 for \$1.50, 1000 for \$10.00.

MARSHALL

A fancy early strawberry, but only does well with high culture in certain soils and locations. Soil must be rich and heavy.

25 for 75c, 100 for \$2.00, 1000 for \$12.00.

O. A. C. EARLY

Is a day or two later than Premier and is a good sturdy plant, and makes a fine row. The fruit is good size and glossy bright red in color, with prominent yellow seeds. Though somewhat soft, in a wet season, yet it is becoming more popular each season, because it is so dependable.

25 for 75c; 100 for \$2.00; 1,000 for \$12.00.

MEDIUM AND LATE VARIETIES

BOQUET STRAWBERRY

We listed this comparatively new variety several years ago but got down on stock and were unable to list it for several years. It is a beautiful large high quality berry, and the plant is a large, vigorous grower. A great berry for those wishing to produce fancy fruit. Possibly not very winter hardy in north.

25 for 75c, 100 for \$2.00, 1000 for \$12.00.

NEW YORK

Plants large healthy grower and berries large. Highly thought of by many as a desert berry.

25 for 60c, 100 for \$1.50, 1000 for \$9.00.

MARVEL

On soil that suits it—strong, moist land—it yields an enormous crop of fine berries, especially good for canning. On dry soils the berries are too small and seedy.

25 for 60c, 100 for \$1.50, 1000 for \$9.00.

BEST

This heavy yielding, bright colored berry is best adapted to a little heavier soil than the very light sand where Glen Mary succeeds so well. It is a very strong growing, hardy plant.

25 for 50c, 100 for \$1.50, 1000 for \$9.00.

BEAUTY

Sent out by Kellogg's. A fine vigorous plant and a beautiful berry.

25 for 60c, 100 for \$1.50, 500 for \$6.50.

CHESAPEAKE

The high priced late strawberry on New York Market. Requires strong rich land and high culture.

25 for 75c, 100 for \$2.00.

MASCOT

A very late berry of which we think very highly. Berries are very large but have green tips until fully ripe.

25 for 75c, 100 for \$2.00, 1000 for \$12.00.

STANLEY STRAWBERRY

We obtained this strawberry under the name Stanley's Early. Probably it is earlier in some districts than with us, but it certainly is not early here. It is a wonderful fine plant maker and a great bearer. Both plants and berries are large. We are of the opinion that ultimately with many growers this variety will displace Senator Dunlap, Glen Mary and Parson's Beauty. It is an exceptional berry.

25 for \$1.00; 100 for \$3.00; 1,000 for \$20.00.

RIDGEWAY

is said to be exceptional on wet soils. We have not fruited it yet.

25 for \$1.00, 50 for \$1.50, 75 for \$2.00, 100 for \$2.50.

EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES

For many years we have been the most successful growers of everbearing strawberries, both for fruit and plant, in Ontario west of Toronto. We have had a lot of praise for our everbearing plants. You may buy cheaper plants but we doubt if you can buy as good plants anywhere.

FORWARD

This variety has given us wonderful results for many years. It doesn't always beat the Mastadon, but it often does. It is not quite as large.

25 for \$1.00, 50 for \$1.75, 100 for \$3.00, 1000 for \$20.00.

MASTADON

Mastadon is the most popular variety of everbearing strawberry to-day. It is always a fair size and sometimes very large.

25 for \$1.00, 50 for \$1.75, 100 for \$3.00, 1000 for \$20.00.

RHUBARB

MYATT'S LINNEAUS OR STRAWBERRY

The earliest good quality rhubarb and one largely used by market gardeners for early field rhubarb.

2 for 25c, 10 for \$1.00, 100 for \$6.00.

MacDONALD (NEW)

A very red rhubarb and the finest flavor we know of. Was originated at MacDonald College, Quebec.

40c each, 10 for \$3.00, 100 for \$22.00.

SEEDS

We have grown vegetables for market for many years and still grow considerable. We have obtained seeds from all over the world in our efforts to get something better. We are now doing considerable breeding work and expect to offer some very superior varieties in the next few years. In the meantime we are offering a few choice products of the breeding work of others.

BANTING CORN

Is similar to the very early Pickinny except that it is yellow in color. It is very dwarf and should be planted on strong, rich land. It has made big money for wide-awake growers and our supply has never yet equalled the demand.

Pkt., 10c; ½ lb., 30c; 1 lb., 50c; 10 lbs. or over at 40c per lb.

GOLDEN GEM

This is also a Pickinny cross but may be a day earlier than Banting and better quality. These two corns are both much earlier than Sunshine.

Pke., 10c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., 30c; 1 lb., 50c; 10 lbs. or over at 40c per lb.

TOMATOES

We have been testing tomato varieties quite extensively for the past twenty-five years. This year we had some twenty-six varieties planted here at Hamilton and the same on our Goderich farm. They were practically all early varieties, as it was a test for earliness we were making. Our efforts were rewarded in finding a new variety much earlier than any yet in commerce and better still, every fruit was smooth and without cracks.

BESTAL, A SENSATIONAL EARLY TOMATO

We predict that in a very few years this product of Central Experiment Farm will be the leading very early variety, because it is as smooth as Bonny Best and away earlier. In our trials it was distinctly earlier than Sunrise, Eldorado, Speed, Early Wonder and the various strains of Earliana, Canadian, Progress, Red River, Alacrity, Gregory, etc.

The vine is not large, not more than half the size of Bonny Best and Break O' Day with us. The first fruit was not large, just a little larger than the hothouse type, but the later pickings were larger, at least as large as Early Wonder. It set fruit very heavily on the first blossom. At the first picking we got from 4 to 7 ripe fruits per plant.

We were fortunate in having planted the few plants we had left after the trial plantings were made by themselves and so are able to offer a small amount of seed in packets only. We doubt if this variety is obtainable anywhere else this year.

Per pkt. of twenty-five seeds, \$1.00.

BREAK O' DAY

A selection from Marglobe by Dr. Pritchard. It is about the season of Bonny Best, but is very large and does not crack much. For certain types of trade there is nothing equal to it and it certainly fills the baskets.

Per pkt., 10c; per ounce, 65c; per $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., \$2.00; 1 lb., \$7.50.

PEPPER TOMATO

We believe this to be the very finest slicing tomato on the market to-day. Said to be a cross between a tomato and pepper. It does not show much of the pepper characteristics, but is a wonderfully fine tomato, being pink in color, very smooth and solid and a splendid flavor.

Pkt., 25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz., 60c $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., \$1.10; oz., \$2.00.

We can offer seed of our own growing in the following varieties: Canadian, Red River, Eldorado, Bonny Best, John Baer and Early Wonder at the uniform price of 10c per pkt., 75c per oz.

We have small quantities, often of several varieties, of almost every kind of vegetable and can supply pkts. at 10c each. Ask for prices on larger quantities.

GREEN SUCKER RASPBERRY PLANTS

Many people prefer the green sucker plants to any other. They have the advantage that they are much less likely to be infected with surface borne diseases, and they are cheaper to buy. Some growers never seem to fail with them, while others never succeed. They will not stand the adverse weather conditions that the hard wood plants will and on the drier types of soil must be planted either late in fall or very early in spring. For late spring planting they will only succeed on very moist soils. We have shipped green sucker plants several hundred miles and received repeat orders.

We have no green sucker plants to offer this spring in either Cuthberts or Herberts, but can supply them in all other varieties at half price, except Viking and Latham, which are:

25 for \$1.25, 100 for \$3.75, 1000 for \$25.00.

SHIPPING SEASON

We can ship plants any time after the ground thaws out, usually some time in March, till about May 24th or June 1st, according to the season. We can sometimes supply strawberry plants in July, August and September. We especially recommend the planting of raspberries in late fall in southern Ontario.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

The plants and seeds we offer we believe are the best money can buy. In case of any error being made we will gladly refund the money or replace order, but beyond this we accept no responsibility whatsoever. We will not accept or fill orders on any other conditions.

TERMS

All our business is conducted on the basis of cash with order. In a few cases where parties are known to us, we give credit, and in the case of orders not too small, we will accept a fair deposit to hold order till ready to ship. Seeds in packets and ounces are postpaid, but seed by the lb. and plants are sent at purchaser's expense, so small orders which are best sent by mail should have an extra amount included to cover postage. We will return anything over or put in extra plants if too much is sent.



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